

Najib stands by Pak Lah

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NEW DELHI: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has urged all political leaders, Umno members and the people to give their full support to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Expressing his confidence in Abdullah's leadership, the Deputy Prime Minister said he would stand by him in managing the country.

"I believe that every Prime Minister will do what is best for the country, based on prevailing conditions and situations.

"I believe that when Tun Dr Mahathir (Mohamad) was the Prime Minister, he did what was best for the nation.

"Similarly, now that Pak Lah is the Prime Minister, he will do his best for the country," he told reporters covering his week-long official visit to India.

He said that Dr Mahathir's contributions to the nation would always be appreciated, valued and remembered by the people.

Najib said all parties should give their undivided support to Abdullah, more so as he had obtained a huge mandate and trust from the people in the last



Sept 2, 1998 - Dr. Mahathir sacks Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim Deputy Prime Minister during height of Asian financial crisis, accusing him of being morally unfit to hold office.

Jan 11, 1999 - Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi appointed as Deputy Prime Minister

June 22, 2002 Dr Mahathir shocks the nation by announcing his retirement at the 56th Umno General Assembly. He rejects party calls for him to withdraw his resignation.

June 26, 2002 • Dr Mahathir announces that Abdullah will succeed him. Date of Dr. Mahathir's retirement was later fixed on 31st Oct 2003.

Oct 31, 2003 - Abdullah sworn in as fifth Malaysian Premier

Mar 3, 2004 - Prime Minister. Abdullah announces that

general election and had been endorsed by Umno as its president.

"I would also like to clarify that every decision made by the Government is made collectively and by consensus.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE STRAINED RELATIONSHIP



General Election will be held on Mar 21

Mar 21, 2004 - Abdullah leads Barisan Nasional to a landslide victory in the General Election, winning over 90% of Parliament seats. BN also regains Terengganu from PAS.

May 31, 2005 - Dr Mahathir as Proton adviser lashes out on the awarding of Approved Permits (AP), marking the start of the AP war.

April 12, 2006 - Cabinet cancels the construction of the "scenic" bridge - a project approved under the Mahathir administration.

April 14, 2006 Dr Mahathir criticises the Cabinet's decision on the bridge, claiming the government had caved in to Singapore's demands.

May 16, 2006 - Dr Mahathir denies any association with a DVD of him criticising Abdullah.

"As such the Prime Minister should not be burdened in his personal capacity for all decisions made by the Cabinet collectively or by consensus, based on situations and facts at that time," he added.